

## 7 BRITISH WARSHIPS DAMAGED

IN HIDING AT FALKLAND  
ISLANDS ACCORDING TO  
URUGUAY ADVICES

## THREE BRITISH BOATS HIT BY TURK FORTS

UNITED STATES URGES EN-  
GLAND TO REMOVE MINES  
FROM HIGH SEAS

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The Cologne Ga-  
zette has published a letter received  
in Germany from Montevideo, Ur-  
uguay, in which it is declared that  
seven British cruisers are lying at  
the Falkland Islands in the southern  
Atlantic, severely damaged. This in-  
formation has been brought in Mon-  
tevideo, the letter says, by officers of  
an Argentine steamer.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.  
Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—The Swedish  
steamer Svarton, has arrived at Ym-  
den, Holland, with a hole in her star-  
board side, made Thursday by either  
a mine or a torpedo.

FRENCH BOAT HITS MINE.  
Paris, Feb. 26.—The French offi-  
cial statement reads:

"The French torpedo boat destroy-  
er, Digue, while escorting a convoy  
of provisions for Montenegro, struck  
an Austrian mine off Port of Antivari,  
(Montenegro) Feb. 21, and sank.  
"The eight of the crew disappeared.  
The accident did not hinder the fla-  
mishing of the work of provisioning and  
the return of the convoys."

### Ships of Allies Damaged.

Constantinople, Feb. 26.—Three of  
the allies' warships were damaged in  
the bombardment of the Dardanelles  
forts February 25, according to the an-  
nouncement from the Turkish army  
headquarters.

The statement says:

"Ten big armored vessels on Feb-  
ruary 25 again bombarded the Turkish  
forts at Dardanelles for a period of  
seven and a half hours. At the con-  
clusion, they retired in the direction  
of the island of Tenedos.

"One ship of the Agamemnon type  
and two other armored vessels were  
damaged by the fire from the forts  
on the Asiatic side of the straits."

It was announced from London last  
night, "that all the forts at the en-  
trance of the Dardanelles had been  
reduced by the fleets of Great Britain  
and France. The naval forces were  
estimated at over thirty vessels."

"NOTHING DOING," SAYS BERLIN.  
Berlin, Feb. 2.—Today's official  
statement follows:

"Nothing important has occurred in  
either theater of war."

### FORTS REDUCED.

London, Feb. 26.—All the forts at  
the entrance of the Dardanelles have  
been reduced by the allied fleet.

The announcement of the secretary  
of the admiralty follows:

"The weather moderating, the  
bombardment of the outer forts of the  
Dardanelles was renewed at 8 o'clock  
this morning (February 25). After a  
period of long range fire the squadron  
of battleships attacked at a close  
range. All the forts at the entrance  
to the straits were successfully re-  
duced and the operations are con-  
tinuing."

### ASK REMOVAL OF MINES.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The  
United States government has sug-  
gested informally to Great Britain and  
Germany that in the interests of hu-  
manity and the safeguarding of legiti-  
mate commerce, all mines be removed  
from the high seas, except those di-  
rectly necessary for the protection of  
coast defenses and harbors.

### AMERICAN NOTE

STILL A SECRET.  
London, Feb. 26.—The American  
note, the contents of which remain a  
secret, but which in general seeks to  
bring about an understanding regard-

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## BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF WHEAT MARKET

DARDANELLE SITUATION PRO-  
DUCE A NEAR PANIC ON  
CHICAGO 'CHANGE

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The critical sit-  
uation regarding the possible Dar-  
danelles opening caused selling that  
bordered on a panic this morning. It  
sent wheat down seven and one-half  
cents a bushel.

May wheat dropped to a dollar for-  
ty-six and a half and July a dollar  
and twenty and three-eighths.

## OKLAHOMA CONTRIBUTES TO WAR REVENUE

The total collections in Oklahoma  
since December 1 on the war revenue  
tax amount to \$180,000, according to  
announcement of H. L. Bolen, internal  
revenue collector. The collections  
were grouped as follows: Pool halls,  
\$12,000; tobacco licenses, \$21,000;  
bankers, \$24,000; brokers, \$6,000;  
theaters, \$9,000; documentary and  
revenue stamps, 108,000.

Collector Bolen received 4,000 let-  
ters Thursday, most of them contain-  
ing inquiries on the corporation and  
drug acts which become effective next  
Monday. The special taxes required  
by these laws must be paid by the  
first of March, otherwise a penalty  
will be attached.

## GRAND JURY SLATED FOR FINAL REPORT

LONG LIST OF INDICTMENTS TO  
BE HANDED DOWN; COURT  
TO ADJOURN

The Grand Jury in federal court  
will make its final return this even-  
ing, or early Saturday, when federal  
court here will adjourn for the  
session.

Next Monday Judge Cotterall will  
open court in Oklahoma City. A large  
list of indictments will be handed  
down by the jury.

A case involving oil rights was  
being tried in court today: T. J. Da-  
vis vs. G. L. Van Euman, in which  
oil property in Pawnee county is at  
issue. Judge McNeill, of Pawnee, ap-  
pears as attorney for Van Euman  
and A. C. Steck of Ottumwa, Ia., rep-  
resents the plaintiff.

## RIOTS MARK WAR TALKS IN GENOA

(By Associated Press.)

Genoa, Feb. 26.—One person was  
killed and many wounded during the  
riots at Ventimiglia, which resulted  
from a demonstration in favor of the  
maintenance of neutrality by Italy.

Counter demonstrations by persons  
desiring intervention of Italy in the  
war led to a serious fight. During  
the fighting, several police and civil  
servants were injured.

### Drops Dead While Speaking.

Milan, Italy, Feb. 26.—Signor Mos-  
to-Trotti, a radical deputy, dropped  
dead, today, following the delivery  
of a speech in favor of intervention  
of Italy in the war. He had reached  
the climax of his address amid tre-  
mendous cheers.

## BANKER IS VICTIM OF DAYLIGHT HOLDUP

Sterling, Colo., Feb. 26.—John  
Brunke, 24, assistant cashier of the  
Farmers' State bank of Haxton, a vil-  
lage 37 miles east of here was shot  
and instantly killed by a robber. The  
robber was captured near the town  
after a battle with a posse of citizens.  
He gave his name as Jay Thompson.

The robber entered the bank while  
the cashier, Emil Larson, was at  
lunch. He covered Brunke with a re-  
volver, forcing him back into the  
vault. Brunke attempted to snatch  
a revolver from a shelf in the vault  
and the bandit fired, killing him.

### FRANK APPEAL

ARGUMENTS CONCLUDED  
(Washington, Feb. 26.—Arguments  
in the Leo Frank appeal in supreme  
court, were completed today.

## New Photograph of the Khedive of Egypt



This is the most recent photograph  
of the new khedive of Egypt, just  
placed on the throne by the British  
government. The failure of the  
Turkish forces, which had threatened  
to cross the Red Sea, leaves him  
secure in his new place. The old  
khedive has fled with Turkey in the  
great war, and he has had to quit his  
throne. For weeks the Turks threat-  
ened to march on Egypt and unseat  
the new khedive. A few days ago  
the delay was blamed on the fact  
that the old ruler found it necessary  
to go to Berne, Switzerland, for a  
surgical operation. Now, however,  
it has been admitted that the ex-  
pedition will amount to nothing.

## APPEAL IN CHARTER CASE TO HIGH COURT

DECISION OF CITY OFFI-  
ALS ON PETITION SIGNA-  
TURES CONTESTED

Representing the petitioners pray-  
ing for an election to vote on amend-  
ments to the city charter, Attorney  
James Hepburn went to Oklahoma  
City today to file with the supreme  
court his appeal from Com'r Nissley's  
decision voiding the petitions. Hep-  
burn takes appeal from the decision  
of the mayor and city clerk on their  
holding that the charter amendment  
petitions are insufficient. In that a  
number of names found on the pe-  
titions could not be found on the pre-  
cinct election books.

This is the first city commission  
case to go direct to the supreme  
court on appeal.

Attorney Tibbets also went to Ok-  
lahoma City to present the city's side  
to the court. It is understood both  
sides will urge immediate action with  
a view to securing a decision before  
the April election.

The proposed charter amendments  
seek to eliminate the city commis-  
sion and in lieu thereof to install a  
mayor and four commissioners—one  
from each ward; the mayor to re-  
ceive \$600 salary per annum and the  
commissioners \$2 per meeting, of not  
more than four sessions a month.

## RIVER CURRENT DE- STROYED BRIDGE WORK

Olton, Okla., Feb. 26.—The recent  
heavy rains caused the Cimarron  
river to rise and thus delayed work  
on the steel bridge over the river,  
being built for the Oil Belt Terminal  
railroad. The men returned to work  
yesterday. The current of the river  
was so strong that it destroyed the  
false-work as fast as the men put it  
up, and it was necessary to quit their  
labors until the flood had gone down.

### SUCCEEDS M'PHERSON.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Martin  
J. Wade of Iowa City, has been se-  
lected by President Wilson for federal  
judge in the southern district of Iowa.

TRY A LEADER WANT AD IT PAYS

## WHITE GIRL IS "JIM CROWED"

WICHITA CIGAR GIRL WAS  
FORCED TO RIDE IN  
NEGRO COACH

Wichita, Feb. 26.—Because it is al-  
leged that a Rock Island passenger  
train auditor ordered her to take a  
seat in the "Jim Crow" car a coach  
reserved for colored passengers in  
Oklahoma, Miss Emma M. Wathrous,  
22, white, a cigar clerk at the Ham-  
ilton hotel, will file suit against the  
Rock Island for \$25,000 damages. The  
suit will be filed in Enid, Okla., to-  
day, according to Judge James W.  
Steen of Enid, who will represent  
Miss Wathrous in the trial. Miss  
Wathrous left Wichita for her home  
in Enid last night, to consult with her  
attorney regarding details of the  
case.

The alleged embarrassing incident  
took place when passenger train No.  
11, of February 13, was leaving Cald-  
well, where it is the custom to send  
south-bound colored passengers into  
the "Jim Crow" car to comply with  
an Oklahoma statute. Miss Wathrous  
had stepped off the train for dinner  
and when she returned to her seat,  
the colored porter asked if she had  
any baggage. Thinking that the coach  
in which she was riding was to be  
set out of the train, Miss Wathrous  
allowed the porter to take her bag-  
gage into the "Jim Crow" car, where  
she rode for nearly an hour before dis-  
covering that she had been mistaken  
for a negro.

The porter was ordered to trans-  
fer Miss Wathrous to the car for col-  
ored passengers by the train auditor,  
Judge Steen stated. The conductor  
of the train had no knowledge of the  
occurrence, he said, until Miss Wath-  
rous objected to being compelled to  
ride in the "Jim Crow" car.

In appearance, Miss Wathrous is  
tall and dark, with very dark eyes.  
Her cheeks are ruddy and she has  
long, black hair. She resides at 111  
East Waterman street.

### PRESIDENT IS UNDECIDED.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Presi-  
dent Wilson has not as yet decided  
on calling an extra session of the  
senate.

## WHO GAVE COAL TO "TATER" WATSON?

PROBE OF CORPORATION COM-  
MISSIONER UNEARTHS SOME  
QUEER THINGS.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 26.—"Who  
gave 10 tons of coal to Watson?" That  
is a question which bothers the leg-  
islature probe committee, working on  
A. P. Watson, corporation commis-  
sioner.

The house investigating commit-  
tee, meeting at the Garrison com-  
pany's office, learned that the coal  
was delivered, that Mr. Watson did  
not pay the Garrison company for it,  
and that whatever correspondence  
the company had about it was miss-  
ing from the letter files. Manager  
C. C. Buxton of the company, testi-  
fied that a man whom he did not  
know and had never seen since, came  
to the office in November, 1913, and  
said that he was an official of the  
Poteau Coal and Mercantile com-  
pany; that that company was going  
to ship a car of coal to Oklahoma  
City, ten tons of which was for Mr.  
Watson, who he said had suggested  
that the Garrison company probably  
would buy the rest of the car.

## PLANS TO BOOST COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

At the regular meeting of the  
board of directors of the chamber of  
commerce, Thursday evening plans  
were outlined for a big booster mem-  
bership campaign on Wednesday and  
Thursday of next week when every  
man in the city will be solicited to  
join the organization and participate  
in the work of pushing Guthrie. The  
city is being divided into districts  
and committees will be put to work in  
each district Wednesday, reporting  
progress at a meeting to be held that  
evening. All who can not be found or  
who decline to come in on invitation  
of the committee will be served with  
special summons on Thursday and be  
brought before a meeting of the  
Kangaroo court on Thursday evening  
and compelled to plead to an indict-  
ment found against them by the jury  
of boosters. Under the present  
graded membership dues with some  
as low as fifty cents per month there  
is no reason why any man in the city  
should hold back and refuse to identify  
himself with a commercial organiza-  
tion which will use every effort to  
further the best interest of the city  
and all the citizens. If you are not  
now a member better telephone the  
secretary to put your name on the  
roll and save the committee the work  
of calling on you as they have much  
to do.

## TAKING EVIDENCE IN PERRY BRIBE CASE

Oklahoma City, Feb. 26.—Following  
the granting of a subpoena in the  
Pat Weathers-Ed Perry state capitol  
bribery hearing the selection of a  
jury to try Perry began in Judge Old-  
field's superior court. The prosecu-  
tion is to be aided by Attorney Gen-  
eral Freeling, in company with  
County Attorney Thompson, who has  
been ill for some weeks, the attorney  
general reviewed the bribery charges  
Thursday in a conference at the  
county attorney's office.

## DACIA ESCAPES CLUTCHES OF J. BULL

New York, Feb. 26.—The steamship  
Dacia, which sailed from Norfolk on  
February 11 for Rotterdam with cot-  
ton, in the face of assertions she  
would be seized by British men of  
war, inasmuch as she was a German  
vessel at the outbreak of the war,  
has almost completed her trip across  
the Atlantic without interference.  
She has been sighted at Lands End  
England.

### TEXAS QUARANTINES AGAINST THE WORLD

Austin, Tex., Feb. 26.—James R.  
Ferguson has proclaimed quarantine  
in Texas as against the entire United  
States, Dominion of Canada and the  
Republic of Mexico, prohibiting ship-  
ments of livestock into Texas on ac-  
count of the foot and mouth disease.

## PETITIONS OF FRISCO TURNED DOWN

JOINT LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS  
DECIDES TO FIGHT  
3-CENT FARE

## APPROPRIATE SUM OF \$75,000 FOR WORK

GOV. SIGNS BILL GIVING \$10  
PENSIONS TO EX-CON-  
FEDERATE SOLDIERS

Special to Daily Leader.  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 26.—  
Appropriation bills of various and  
sundry kinds occupied both houses of  
the legislature today.

A motion adopted by the house  
Thursday called for a committee of  
three to investigate the state exami-  
ner's report on the expenditures of  
President Lynn Glover of the Tonkawa  
Preparatory school. The report is on  
file with the governor.

Governor Williams signed the bill  
giving \$10 per month pensions to ex-  
soldiers of the Confederacy.

A joint democratic caucus was held  
last night, addressed by the governor,  
and devoted entirely to discussion of  
the coming two-cent rate cases in the  
federal court and the amount of money  
necessary to prosecute them. Judge  
Hill, of Arkansas, special counsel for  
the state, was present also and ad-  
vised about the probable cost of fight-  
ing the cases out. It was agreed to  
appropriate \$75,000 to fight the rail-  
roads.

Three Frisco railroad conductors  
stopped Representative Hall of Clare-  
more at the doors of the legislature  
today and said to him: "If you ever  
run for office again we'll turn the  
whole Frisco aggregation into your  
county and beat you for anything you  
want."

Ball had told a petition circulator  
that he was opposed to raising the  
passenger fare to three cents. Shortly  
after he rose to a question of per-  
sonal privilege and related this inci-  
dent to the house Thursday afternoon,  
a concurrent resolution was passed  
73 to 15, declaring it to be the sense  
of the legislature that no attention be  
paid to the flood of three-cent fare  
petitions. The resolution declared  
that the railroads had their remedy in  
applications for exemption by the cor-  
poration commission from the two-  
cent fare.

### MILITIA TO ACT AS GUARD TO WILSON.

Tomorrow will be the last day of  
the time allotted for recruiting the  
militia company for Guthrie and  
Captain Mason today enrolled and  
administered the oath to the last man  
needed. The company now has the  
required quota of men and will at once  
become Company "C," Oklahoma Na-  
tional Guard. Other members can  
still be added, however, and any men  
in the city or vicinity who are  
interested are invited to come to the  
Armory, third floor of the Victor  
block and enlist. The company will  
be fully equipped at once and will  
probably have an opportunity to go to  
Muskegon in April to act as guard for  
President Wilson when he attends  
the Southern Commercial congress.

### THE WEATHER



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What Government Forecaster Reports  
Via Ophelia  
(By Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—Unset-  
tled; rain tonight or Saturday.